



Problem Solving Courts Committee

Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2010
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Indiana Judicial Center

I. Call to Order and Review of Minutes

Judge Surbeck called the meeting to order at 10:09 am. Members present included Judge Bruganux, Judge Monroe, Don Travis, Chris Cunningham, Sheila Hudson, Judge Collins, Judge Salinas and Judge Todd (via conference call). IJC staff present included Jamie Bergacs, Mary Kay Hudson and Diane Mains.

Members reviewed and approved the minutes from the PSCC meeting held February 19, 2010.

II. Education Subcommittee Report

- **Skill Building Session: Bridges Out of Poverty – August 6th at IJC**
Jamie Bergacs reported that Terie Dreussi – Smith will serve as faculty for the training, which will be held in the 8th floor auditorium. Other court staff such as court alcohol and drug program staff and probation officers will also be invited to attend the event as space permits.
- **Reentry Court Planning Training: August 10-12, 2010 at IJC**
Don Travis presented the current draft of the team planning agenda. Members discussed that the third day related to policy and procedure of the agenda should be listed as optional in the event that there are teams in attendance that have already developed a policy and procedures manual.
- **2010 PSC Workshop : October 6-7, 2010 at the Renaissance, Carmel**
Sheila Hudson presented the current draft of the workshop agenda.
- **Reentry Court Staff Orientation**
Jamie Bergacs reported that the subcommittee will begin working on the staff orientation agenda later in the year with the first training tentatively scheduled for spring 2011.
- **Subcommittee Membership Development**
Members discussed adding additional members to the education subcommittee, which may be individuals not currently serving as problem-solving courts committee members. Problem-solving courts committee members interested in joining the education subcommittee may contact Mary Kay Hudson. IJC staff will work to identify new education subcommittee members not currently serving on the committee.

III. Problem-Solving Court Interim Rules update and review of rules

Judge Surbeck reported that the Judicial Conference Board of Directors adopted the Interim Problem-Solving Court Rules on April 23, 2010, which are effective July 1, 2010.

- IV. Final Rules Development
Committee members established a workgroup to draft the final rules for problem-solving courts for the full committee's review and consideration. Judge Monroe, Judge Trockman, Judge Surbeck, Judge Salinas and Don Travis will serve as workgroup members. Sheila Hudson recommended that Amy Krieger also serve as a member. IJC will identify individuals from other problem-solving courts to participate in the workgroup and will send out meeting information to all workgroup members.
- V. Role of the Defense Counsel in Problem-Solving Courts
Members discussed the NACDL publication as it relates to the role of defense counsel and due process in problem-solving courts. Members discussed the need to address due process rights in termination proceedings in the problem-solving court rules being developed by the work group.
- VI. Center for Court Innovation / IJC grant proposal to National Institute of Justice
Mary Kay Hudson reported that IJC and the Center for Court Innovation partnered in submitting a grant application to the National Institute of Justice. If funded, the grant will fund a research fellow on-site at IJC for 18 months to study problem-solving court performance measures and outcomes.
- VII. Other Business
Mary Kay Hudson reported that Paul Southwick recently resigned from the committee due to his current workload. Mr. Southwick will remain a member of the education subcommittee.
- VIII. Adjourn
Judge Surbeck adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:20 pm. The next committee meeting date will be changed to a meeting of the rules workgroup. The workgroup will meet on June 25, 2010 at 10 am at IJC.